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STATE FOR ARA LABOR ADV; S/IL BOWIE; AND CU/ARA
S/IL BOWIE PASS TO AFL-CIO AND AIFLD

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TAGS: OEXC, ELAB, MX, US
SUBJECT: VISITORS TO THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION--DEC. 8-16

REF: (1) STATE 316161 (2) STATE 224600

1. DURING OCTOBER 27 CALL BY AMBASSADOR LUCEY AND LABATT, CTM GEN-SECY FIDEL VELASQUEZ INDICATED HE HAD RECEIVED THE INVITATION FROM THE AFL-CIO TO ATTEND DECEMBER CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES AND THAT HE "WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT THE INVITATION". WHILE NOT POSITIVE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND, VELASQUEZ SPOKE OF MEETING IN MID-NOVEMBER (WE ASSUME THIS IS AN INTERNAL CTM OR CONGRESS OF LABOR MEETING) AFTER WHICH HE WOULD MAKE HIS FINAL DECISION. ORIT GEN-SEC J. DEL PINO INFORMED LABATT THAT ON OCTOBER 28 VELASQUEZ HAD ASKED HIM TO ARRANGE A BRIEFING ON MATTERS WHICH ORIT WILL DISCUSS AT ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO AFL-CIO CONVENTION. VELASQUEZ REPORTEDLY TOLD DEL PINO THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND THE ORIT AND AFL-CIO AFFAIRS.
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2. AMBASSADOR LUCEY OFFERED VELASQUEZ CU FUNDING OF HIS TRAVEL AND PER DIEM IF HE DECIDES TO ACCEPT THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION INVITATION, AND TO ARRANGE ANY OTHER MEETINGS OR VISITS HE DESIRES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRIP. VELASQUEZ HAS ACCEPTED THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFER BUT HAS INDICATED IT WILL PROBABLY BE AFTER NOVEMBER 20 BEFORE HE CAN GIVE

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US HIS DEFINITE DECISION ON WHETHER HE WILL GO TO L.A.

3. LABATT UNDERSTANDS FROM DISCUSSIONS AT TUNISIAN LABATT
CONFERENCE THAT THERE ARE AID FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAM-
MING VISITORS TO THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION . WE STRONGLY
URGE THAT TRAVEL GRANTS FROM THIS SOURCE BE MADE AVAILABLE
FOR THE ORIT PRESIDENT ALFONSO SANCHEZ MADARIAGA (WHO IS
ALSO THE SECOND RANKING OFFICER AFTER VELASQUEZ IN THE
CMT), AND FOR ORIT GENERAL SECRETARY JUAN JOSE DEL PINO
(VENEZUELAN CTV LEADER ELECTED TO ORIT TOP OFCICE IN
APRIL 1977). THE THIRD ORIT OFFICER, MICHAEL VERDU,
PLANS TO ATTEND BOTH ORIT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND
AFL-CIO CONVENTION ON AIFLD FUNDS. LUCEY

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